SECTION 2

Fighting the War

A. KEY TERMS
Use each of the following terms in a sentence that demonstrates its meaning.

1. saturation bombing
   
2. napalm
   
3. Tet Offensive

B. MAIN IDEAS
Write the letter of the correct ending in the blank provided.

4. American soldiers were confused to discover that many South Vietnamese people
   a. spoke French.
   b. worked at farming and fishing.
   c. had fled to Laos and Cambodia.
   d. did not appreciate their efforts.

5. Fighting conditions for American soldiers included
   a. a dry, windswept environment.
   b. the constant threat of bombing by B-52s.
   c. the constant hazard of booby traps.
   d. endless head-on clashes with enemy troops.

6. One advantage the Viet Cong guerrillas had was their
   a. sophisticated weapons.
   b. elaborate tunnel systems.
   c. truck convoys.
   d. chemical weapons.

7. In fighting the North Vietnamese, United States forces used
   a. saturation bombing.
   b. animal snares and punji stakes.
   c. guerrilla tactics.
   d. germ warfare.

8. Herbicides such as Agent Orange were used mainly to
   a. “firebomb” civilian targets.
   b. smash roads and heavy bridges.
   c. expose Viet Cong hiding places.
   d. frighten peasants.

9. The officer in charge of the My Lai massacre was
   a. Le Ly Hayslip.
   b. Hugh Thompson.
   c. Ron Kovic.
   d. William Calley.

10. The death toll at My Lai might have been even greater but for
    a. a lack of ammunition.
    b. the heroics of an American helicopter crew.
    c. a sudden, drenching downpour.
    d. the arrival of Viet Cong reinforcements.